

USU graduate program ranks as one of best in country

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The Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) Department of Preventive Medicine and Biometrics has ranked as one of the top medical programs in the United States for the third year in a row according to U.S. News and World Report.

USU scored a 3.6 on a 5.0 scale in order to earn the honor. The highest ranked school scored a 3.8.

“I want to make sure our students and our program get the credit they deserve,” said Col. Gary D. Gackstetter, DVM, MPH, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Director, Graduate Programs, “Our students are our most important product and I am so proud of them because of the job they do protecting the health of our armed forces.”

Col. Gackstetter says the program accomplishes its mission, "The mission of the PMB Graduate Programs in Public Health is to enhance and protect the health of members of the Uniformed Services by producing knowledgeable and highly skilled public health professionals and by promoting evidence-based policy making, research, and service initiatives that support the global mission of the Uniformed Services."

The program consists of three masters and three doctoral programs that train the students to be public health practitioners.

“We make sure our students do relevant applied military research as a part of their program,” said Col. Gackstetter.

“If we’re protecting the health of our armed forces then we’re doing what we’re supposed to do,” said Tonie Hooper, Director of Graduate Research and Practicum Programs.

The U.S. News and World Report, with a weekly circulation of more than 2 million, calculates their rankings based solely on the results of peer assessment surveys sent to deans, other administrators and/or faculty at accredited degree programs or schools in each discipline. The respondents rate the programs on a 5.0 scale: outstanding (5 points); strong (4); good (3); adequate (2); or marginal (1). The two highest and lowest scores were eliminated. For more information on graduate programs visit: <http://usuhs.mil/>

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